

UTTLESFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

25 MARCH 2019 18:00

COUNCIL CHAMBER, UDC OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON
WALDEN, ESSEX, CB11 4ER

Chairman:	Cllr Simon Walsh (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllr John Moran (ECC) – Vice Chairman Cllr Heather Asker (UDC) Cllr Susan Barker (ECC) Cllr Ray Gooding (ECC) Cllr Geoffrey Sell (UDC)
Officers:	Sonia Church – Highway Liaison Manager (Essex Highways) Rissa Long – Highway Liaison Officer (Essex Highways) Jeremy Pine – Planning Policy/Development Management Liaison Officer (UDC) Bradley Taylor – Apprentice (Essex Highways)
Secretariat:	Anna Mawson - Democratic Services Officer (UDC)
Also Present:	Danielle Frost - Great Dunmow Town Council Tony McHugh – Public Speaker

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made	
2.	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: None received	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 7 January 2019 to be agreed as correct record: The minutes of the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel meeting held on 7 January 2019 were approved as a correct record.	
4.	Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting: None	



<p>5.</p>	<p>Public Questions (10 minutes):</p> <p>Mr McHugh, a resident of Dunmow spoke to the Panel about an unmarked crossing on the Flitch Way (B1256) between Stortford Road and Chelmsford Road; from the Flitch Way Country Park (Flitch Way Trail) crossing the road towards Dunmow Town (High Meadow).</p> <p>Mr McHugh spoke about the crossing being a public safety risk, the crossing was heavily used, the road is a 60mph (national speed limit) and there were no markings and little signage denoting the crossing point. He asked for measures to raise awareness and to improve safety for those using the crossing point.</p> <p>Councillor Barker said that she used the road a lot and was familiar with the crossing point. Councillor Barker said that she understood there was an application for 400+ homes awaiting decision and provision for improved safety measures and signage could be incorporated into the infrastructure provision from the developers.</p> <p>The Panel discussed options, the Highway Liaison Officer agreed that 'SLOW' markings could be considered on the approach to the crossing point, as well as incorporating it into the 50 MPH limit zone which was yet to be agreed.</p> <p>The Panel also advised that the road surface was uneven and that could lead vehicles to lose control, for example motorbikes which were regularly seen and heard to be travelling at excessive speeds.</p> <p>The Planning Policy/Development Management Liaison Officer said that he would speak to the case officer for the live planning application (UTT/18/2574/OP – consultation expires Tuesday 09 April 2019) and he encouraged Mr McHugh and anyone else to make comments on the application in the consultation stages.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19:</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer updated members on the approved works programme and highlighted the following schemes:</p> <p>LUTT162065 Ashdon Primary School 20 MPH Advisory. Signage has been installed, awaiting installation of the wig-wag lights.</p> <p>LUTT162066 Walden Road, Little Walden, Speed limit amendments. Design and TRO will be progressed towards the end of the financial year.</p> <p>LUTT172016 Hollow Road, Widdington. Advanced Height Restriction Signage.</p> <p>Cllr Gooding asked if this scheme would be funded out of this</p>	



<p>financial year, the Highway Liaison Officer said that would be funded from the next financial year and completed before the calendar year was over. She said that the relationship with network rail had improved and that the Basic Asset Protection Agreement with Network Rail was in the pipeline.</p> <p>LUTT172019 B1051 Stansted Road – Advanced weight limit signage</p> <p>Councillor Sell said that this area was a constant problem. The Highway Liaison Officer said that the Grove Hill sensor was due to be replaced imminently as a S106 scheme. It was not possible to get the signage scheme progressed in this financial year therefore it was agreed to fund it from 19/20 budget however it could be completed before the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>LUTT173001 The Endway, Great Easton installation of footway.</p> <p>The installation of the footway had begun.</p> <p>LUTT162016 The Street, High Easter 40 mph buffer.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that the objections which had been received had since been dealt with and consideration would now be given to 2019/20 funding.</p> <p>LUTT162067 High Easter Road, Barnston, mini roundabout improvements</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that this scheme was now completed.</p> <p>LUTT173002 Church Street, Saffron Walden, footway widening and junction study</p> <p>Councillor Moran declared a pecuniary interest as a private hire limousine driver in the area for funerals and weddings etc.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that the plans would be ready to view once the design process was complete. The immediate access around the Church was identified as out of Essex Highways' jurisdiction and the Panel suggested that the Church be contacted to arrange alternative access when required.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that items numbered 26 to 39 had been agreed at the last Highways Panel.</p> <p>Danielle Frost from Great Dunmow Town Council brought item number 36; (LUTT162052 Rosemary Lane junction with North Street Great Dunmow) to the Panel's attention citing the speed in which vehicles traverse the junction as dangerous. The Highway Liaison Officer said that the design work would be completed this year.</p> <p>Councillor Gooding highlighted scheme; LUTT182013 Cambridge Road Quendon, speed restriction to the Panel, he said that locals were assuming that there would be a 30mph extension, The Highway Liaison Officer said that in fact there was going to be a 40mph buffer as the structure of the village along the road doesn't make an extension to the 30mph viable. She said that motorists</p>	
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	<p>needed to understand the reason for the restriction to encourage compliance. If they simply extended the 30mph limit then it was likely than non-compliance would continue.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that items 40 onwards were priority two, and that there was £100k of UDC match funding for the Panel to allocate;</p> <p>The Panel agreed to move the following schemes into priority one; LUTT182014 (Cambridge Road Newport) and LUTT172047 (Hawkins Hill Little Sampford) both for 40mph buffer and speed limits.</p> <p>LUTT172048; Main Road, Felsted - on the approach to Milch Lane - Safety improvements</p> <p>LUTT182024; Rands Road, High Roding - 30mph speed limit extension</p> <p>LUTT182012; Old Mead Road – Chevrons</p> <p>LUTT186001; Braintree Road, Felsted - Bus cages</p> <p>LUTT172003; Bumpstead Road, Hempstead - Implementation of 40mph buffer</p> <p>LUTT162066; Little Walden - Implementation of amendments to existing speed limit.</p> <p>Councillor Barker asked about the district’s byways. Councillor Gooding agreed that they were in bad condition and that it was the regular sensible users who did not cause the damage that were suffering. The Panel discussed how they could be improved and how they could make it last.</p> <p>In response to a member question the Highway Liaison Officer said she would ask the Public Rights of Way team to attend the next Panel meeting.</p> <p>Highway Liaison Officer said that out of the two schemes that were identified for casualty reduction, one was no longer statistically viable, which was the B1383 junction with the A120</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Potential Schemes List</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer recommended the following to the Panel;</p> <p>Braintree Road, Great Dunmow; Request to look at a possible 50mph limit through the B1256 Great Dunmow towards Rayne.</p> <p>Councillor Barker said that there was an application for 400+ homes and that it may be prudent to hold off a little while to work with the developer should the application be successful.</p> <p>The Chairman asked that the validation be completed.</p> <p>Chapel Hill, Berden - Safety improvements; Request to look at</p>	



<p>improving pedestrian safety where no footpath exists.</p> <p>Duck End, Stebbing - Request to assess Duck End to establish if existing signage and lines are sufficient to encourage good driving practices and speeds</p> <p>Elephant Green, Newport – bollards Request to install 4 x bollards on the verge</p> <p>Langley Lower Green - Speed Limit Request to look at introducing a 30mph speed limit through Langley Lower Green which is currently derestricted</p> <p>Stagden Cross, High Easter Request to look at introducing Hamlet signs for Stagden Cross.</p> <p>Sawbridgeworth Road, Little Hallingbury Request to look at reviewing the signage for the sharp bend leaving Gaston Green towards Sawbridgeworth direction.</p> <p>Windmill Hill, Saffron Walden gateway improvements Request to look at improving the gateway approach to Saffron Walden</p> <p>Councillor Asker raised the VAS at Little Chesterford roundabout advising HGVs no access. Many HGVs have been met through Bridge Street, it's too late once they are past the roundabout. Could a camera be installed? The Highway Liaison Officer said that there had been a fault on the VAS and that this had been reported.</p> <p>London Road Quendon footway currently and design work for speed limit.</p> <p>Thaxted, Sampford Road, new developments, there have been accidents/incidents. there is a developer contribution.</p> <p>Councillor Asker asked about George Street in Saffron Walden and what measures could be taken to restrict HGV movements through the town.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that this would be more of a major project and would fall in line with the local plan. It was deemed too strategic for the LHP. The Panel praised the actions of a couple of Ringway Jacobs colleagues in a recent incident with a mobility scooter on George Street.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Manager said that David Sprunt was to attend the next meeting to discuss major schemes which may benefit from the local knowledge.</p> <p>Danielle Frost asked about footpath number 49 that it was very important to users. The Highway Liaison Officer said that she would investigate some developer funding and will update Danielle Frost directly outside the meeting.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that the schemes allocated would leave about £42k left for the June meeting, and this may increase as due to direct delivery reducing the estimated costs.</p>	
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8.	Highway Rangers and Revenue The Highway Liaison Officer told the Panel that the Highway Rangers were doing a great job and that the Rangers Team were continuing to visit Parishes which has proven popular. Parishes were invited to continue requesting visits using the ranger requests form and the rangers will discuss the concerns of the area and offer up suggestions where appropriate. The Panel discussed that there was a lot outstanding, and the Highway Liaison Officer said that this was expected as it was seasonal work due to the time of the year.	
9.	Section 106 Schemes (For information) In response to a Member question the Highway Liaison Officer said that Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden scheme, for looking at a new zebra crossing/footpath between Harvey Way and Elizabeth Way would be undertaken through the S106 budget and could be removed from the LHP list.	
10.	Any other business The Highway Liaison Officer advised the Panel that they would be receiving a short questionnaire about what they wished to receive and how they wished to receive it for the LHP. The Highway Liaison Manager referred the Panel to ' Map Essex ' for updates on highways information and for Local Highways Panel schemes moving forward, in the aim of moving away from paper copies. Councillor Gooding asked about The Elsenham school extension, The Highway Liaison Officer advised that the zebra crossing was in for validation and The Highway Liaison Manager advised that any other measures could come through the LHP. The Highway Liaison Officer told the Panel that she was at UDC for the first Thursday of every month and was back in May or June. Councillor Barker said that there would be new councillors in May and was ECC doing a LHP induction. The Highway Liaison Officer made a note of this and assurances were made for training. The Highway Liaison Manager also referred the Panel to the LHP website where there were a number of guides. The Chairman thanked Essex Highways for their hard work.	

11.	Date of next meeting - June 2019 (TBC) - September 2019 (TBC) - January 2020 (TBC)	
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Meeting close 7:45pm

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